Provident Fund Arrears

1210. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:
SHRI YASHWANT SINHA:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the arrears of Provident Fund from public sector units, private sector units and sick units separately;

(b) the steps that are being taken to recover the above dues; and

(c) whether Government would consider to bring in a legislation whereby Provident Fund dues by Industrial Companies are directly paid by the Public Sector Banks to the Government and debited to the Companies so that there are zero arrears?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The break-up of arrears of provident fund dues from public and private sector establishment as on 31.3.89 is as given below:—

(Rupees in lakhs)

	Public	Private	Total
Unexempted	2641 32	6185.84	8827·16
Exempted	3489.39	9467.06	12956·45
TOTAL	6130.71	15652·90	21783·61

The above figures include the arrears in respect of sick units as they are not being maintained separately.

(b) The EPF authorities are generally taking the following actions against the defaulting employers for realisation of the outstanding dues:—

(i) Issuing of revenue recovery certificates under section 8 of the EPF Act;

(ii) Filling of prosecution cases under Section 14 of the EPF Act;

(iii) Filing of complaints under section 406/409 IPC in cases of non-payment of contribution deducted from the wages of the employees.

(iv) Levying of damages under section 14B of the EPF Act.

(c) There is no such proposal under consideration.

संसद सदस्यों के अतिथियों के लिए 3 टियर सीटों के आरक्षण सीटों का कोटा समाप्त किया जाना

1211. श्रीमती सूर्यकांता पाटील :
श्री सुकोमल सेन :

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि संसद सदस्यों के परिवार के सदस्यों और अतिथियों के लिये 3 टियर सीटों के आरक्षण का जो कोटा संसद भवन के बुकिंग कार्यालय से जारी किया जाता था वह अब समाप्त कर दिया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो सांसदों को दी गई इस सुविधा को वापस लिये जाने के क्या कारण हैं और क्या इस सुविधा के बदले में कोई अन्य आरक्षित कोटा निर्धारित किया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "हां" है तो इसे कब तक आरम्भ किये जाने का विचार है ?

रेल मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री अजय सिंह) : (क) और (ख) संसद सदस्यों के सहयोगियों के लिये स्थान की व्यवस्था करने हेतु विभिन्न गाड़ियों में दूसरे दर्जे के शयनयान में शायिकाओं का कोटा उस समय निर्धारित था जब संसद सदस्य पहले दर्जे में यात्रा करने के पात्र थे तथा उनके सहयोगी दूसरे दर्जे में। चूंकि अब संसद सदस्यों के सहयोगी उनके साथ पहले दर्जे/वातानुकूल 2 टियर में यात्रा करने के पात्र हैं इसलिये संसद भवन के बुकिंग कार्यालय में इस प्रकार के कोटे बनाये रखने का कोई आवश्यकता नहीं है । संसद सदस्यों द्वारा अपने मेहमानों आदि के लिये प्रस्तुत आरक्षण पर्चियों पर संसद भवन के बुकिंग कार्यालय में स्थित कम्प्यूटर टर्मिनलों में कार्रवाई की जाती है जिसका नई दिल्ली के कम्प्यूटरीकृत कार्यालय में लगे मुख्य आरक्षण कम्प्यूटर से सीधा संपर्क है।

(ग) और दिये गये भाग (क) और (ख) के उत्तर को देखते हुये ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

Availability of nickel contents in Vanaspati Oil

1212. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in 'Financial Express' of 2nd July, 1990 under the caption "high nickel contents in Vanaspati";

(b) if so, the details thereof and the names of brands of oils which contains nickel metal; and

(c) what action Government have taken to check this menace and action taken on the defaulting manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The names of brands of oils have not been specified in the news item. However, some popular brands of vanaspati samples were got analysed for nickel content. The nickel contents were found to be in the range of 0.1—8.8 ppm.

(c) Health Ministry and Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) have been requested to lay down Standards for nickel content in vanaspati since no Standard in this regard has so far been laid down. Simultaneously, vanaspati manufacturers have also been advised to ensure maintenance of proper operating conditions and ensure rigorous quality control.

Introduction of Wireless Equipments

1213. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce wireless equipments like VHF sets with a range 20/25 kms both at railway stations and moving trains to reduce rail accidents in the country; and

(b) if not, what steps are being proposed by Government to contain increasing rail accidents in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI AJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Mobile train radio communication on UHF, between Driver/Guard and control office is being introduced on Nagpur-Durg, Itarsi-Nagpur and Itarsi-Bhusaval sections of South Eastern and Central Railways as a part of Railway Electrification scheme. This facility will enhance operational efficiency of train running.